

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION
Appln. No. 09/484,363

REMARKS

Consideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 31, 39 through 42, and 44 through 58 remain in this application. Claims 32 through 38 and 43 have previously been cancelled. No claims stand withdrawn. Claim 59 has been added.

Claims 1 through 31, 39 through 42, and 44 through 58 stand allowed.

The subject matter of added claim 59, which depends from claim 1, finds support in the specification at page 23, lines 23 through 30.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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